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Media Release

Don't miss the chance to put yourself forward for Public Governor vacancy

With less than one week to go until the closing date for the Public Governor nomination deadline (Monday 5 September), the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust is urging anyone interested in becoming a future Governor to register their interest.

There are five Public Governor vacancies across: City of Bath, North East Somerset, Mendip, North Wiltshire and South Wiltshire.

Brian Stables, Trust Chairman says:

"There's still time for people to put themselves forward for the role of Public Governor. All they need to do is request a nomination form from the Electoral Reform Services on 020 8889 9203. We've had a lot of interest so far, but we won't know how many people have put their name forward until after the closing date."

"I would also like to remind anyone interested in standing that they need to be a member to put their name forward. It's really easy to sign up; just visit our website or contact our membership team; it will take less than five minutes."

After 5 September the closing date, the nominated candidates will be published on the RUH's website and members will be able to vote for their preferred candidate from Tuesday 27th September.

Brian commented: "Becoming a Public Governor is a great opportunity to make a contribution to the continuing development of the RUH and its role within our local communities. If you're successful and are elected as a Public Governor, you'll help shape our services over the next three years by representing members' views and ensuring they are fed back to the Board of Directors."

A handbook on the role of a Public Governor is available for anyone interested in standing for the elections. Copies can be requested via the Membership office.

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Notes to editor:

- This is the first constituency-wide election for Governors since becoming an NHS Foundation Trust hospital in 2014.

- You must be a Member to be able to become a Governor. All members of the public who wish to become NHS Foundation Trust members must complete a membership form (available from the Membership Office) or sign-up online: www.ruh.nhs.uk/membership.
- The Electoral Reform Services (ERS) will act as our Returning Officer and the nomination form will be available directly from them.
- About our Governors – our Council of Governors is made up of 21 elected and appointed Governors. Collectively, it represents the interests of more than 15,000 people who have become a Member of the RUH.
- For more information about the role of a Governor please contact the RUH Membership Office on 01225 826288.